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re application of

Richard J. Feldmann

Art Unit 2857

Application No. 10/609,383

Examiner John S. Brusca

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For: Modifying the control of gene expression behavior by the deletion of connectrons and by the design and addition of synthetic connectrons in prokaryotic, archea and eukaryotic genomes

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 9, 2005, applicant hereby elects to prosecute in this application:

Group 1 claims, namely, claims 1 and 2.

(Contrary to the Examiner's contention that the Group 1 invention does not utilize or produce products of Group 2 or 3, applicant submits that the product of Groups 2 or 3 can be produced by the methods defined by claims 1 and 2.)

Respectfully submitted,

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In the event this paper is deemed not timely filed, the applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 26-0090 along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.